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A gel-based anaesthetic, which is also palatable and can be used on mucosal surfaces, includes an anaesthetic in a transdermal gel-base having added flavoring with a bitterness suppressant. The gel base is preferably pluronic gel and the anaesthetic is preferably lignocaine.